



## Acorns Nursery

### Newsletter 13<sup>th</sup> February 2026

#### What we have been learning this week!

This week at nursery we have been learning all about Shrove Tuesday (Pancake Day). The children had great fun pancake tossing, racing with our bean-bag pancakes, and pretending to make delicious treats in the mud kitchen. These activities supported physical development, turn-taking, and imaginative play, while also building confidence and coordination.

In our indoor role-play area, we created a Chinese restaurant. It was lovely to hear children reading the menu to their friends, taking orders, and serving food. This sparked lots of communication and language, early reading skills, and social interaction as the children played together and shared ideas.

After observing the children's interest in caring for others, we extended their learning by creating a veterinary surgery. The children thoroughly enjoyed caring for the dolls and cuddly animals, showing kindness, empathy, and responsibility. This play supported personal, social and emotional development, as well as nurturing relationships with one another.

In the construction area, we added more small blocks to challenge and inspire the children. They have wowed us with some amazing towers and structures, developing problem-solving skills, spatial awareness, and perseverance. We are excited to build on this interest next term with imaginative play focused on farms and machinery.

The sand area has been a huge hit this week. The children explored concepts of full and empty, counted scoops, and experimented with different sized containers. This hands-on play encouraged early mathematical thinking, particularly around measure, capacity, and counting.

In PE, the children thoroughly enjoyed yoga with Mrs Bishop. They have been learning calming techniques to relax, focus, and keep both their bodies and minds healthy, supporting their physical development and emotional wellbeing.

It has been wonderful to hear so many home stories and see how nursery experiences are being shared at home. We also love seeing how children bring their own home experiences into nursery through play and discussion—this connection plays a vital role in supporting confident, happy learners.

Thank you for your continued support—we are so proud of everything the children are achieving! ❤️

#### Next term we will be learning...

##### AMAZING ANIMALS! Creep, Crawl and Wiggle

Next term, the children will be exploring the exciting topic of Amazing Animals. They will learn about farm animals, minibeasts and insects, and new life, including animals and their babies. Through hands-on experiences, the children will discover life cycles, such as butterflies and frogs, and enjoy caring for animals in our vets role-play area. We will also explore the outdoor environment by creating a bug hotel and planting seeds.

Stories such as *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*, *Come On, Daisy!*, *Hairy Maclary*, and familiar favourites like *Jack and the Beanstalk* and *The Enormous Turnip* will support learning through both fiction and non-fiction books. Nursery rhymes, including *Incy Wincy Spider* and *There's a Worm at the Bottom of the Garden*, will help develop language and listening skills.

The children will take part in seasonal and special events such as World Book Day, Science Week, Mother's Day and an Easter, providing lots of opportunities for exploration, discussion, and learning through play.

## Reminders

Please ensure your child comes to nursery with appropriate outdoor clothing and a full set of spare clothes. If spare clothes are not provided, your child may be unable to take part in outdoor play or some activities.

### Session times –

Morning session 8.50-11.50.

Afternoon session 12.20-3.20.

Children need to be collected by this time. Children collected after these times may incur a late charge.

## Dates for your diary

### Spring Term 2026

-Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February, school closes for half term.

-Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February, school re-opens.

- Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March at 2.30pm, school closes for Eater break.

- Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April, school re-opens.

-Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May, parent workshop in phonological awareness. 1.45-2.45pm.

## Home learning

For half term, we encourage you to enjoy family time and spend time playing together outdoors. This could be a walk, a trip to the park, in the garden, or any fun activity you enjoy as a family. If you would like, please send in a photo of what you have been doing. We would love to share these with your child's teachers and friends when we return to nursery.

## Comments

Have a lovely half term!

